FINANCIAL AID TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS

*869. [42] **Sri. Eapen Arackal:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education, Labour and Civil Supplies be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any financial aid is being given to any private secondary schools at present; if so how many such schools are getting grant from the Government;

(*b*) what is the maximum and minimum amounts thus allotted as grants to private schools;

(*c*) whether such financial aid was regularly given to private secondary schools years back;

(*d*) If such grant is not given why and when was this grant stopped?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) No financial aid is being given at present.

(*b*) Question does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Yes; in the case of deserving schools in Travancore area and in respect of such secondary schools in the Cochin area as had been taken on the aided list prior to the introduction of the new scheme.

(*d*) Consequent on the introduction of new scheme for the improvement of service conditions of teachers of private secondary schools with effect from 1st September 1950 in the Travancore area and 1st October 1950 in Cochin area, the Government took over the responsibility of giving the pay due to the teachers of private schools. Hence there is no need for continuing the grants from those dates.

DRESS OF TEACHERS

*870. [46] **Sry. Elias Mary Antony:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the dress worn by teachers of the primary and secondary schools and of the colleges while within schools and colleges is not in keeping with the dignity of the profession that they belong to;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there are several teachers who go to the school with merely a body on their person and a towel apart from the dhotty;

(*c*) whether the Government have no objection to the using of any form or mode of dress chosen by the teachers themselves if only they are neat and clean;

(*d*) whether the use of khaki coloured trousers and a shirt with sleeves folded up as is being used by some teachers in the Iraniel English High School is an approved form of dress for a teacher?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No objection if the dress is neat and decent.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*c*).

SEWING MISTRESSES

*871. [47] **Sri. Elias Mary Antony:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many primary schools in the compulsory area, whether private or departmental, have the required strength of girl pupils for the appointment of sewing mistresses in those schools.

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